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Land Revenue

Pay of shroffs of the Revenue department.

* 116 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the shroffs of the Revenue department were drawing the same pay as clerks prior to 1921, that is, before the introduction of time-scales for clerks;

(b) whether the Huzur second shroffs are even now classified as clerks as regards their pay;

(c) whether it is a fact that the pay of the shroffs of the Revenue department is now fixed at Rs. 20—1—35; and

(d) whether the grievance is receiving the consideration of the hon. Member?

A.—(a) No.

(b) Huzur second shroffs are not now classified as clerks as regards their pay.

(c) The general scale of pay of shroffs in the Revenue department is Rs. 20—1—35. A few shroffs are on higher scales.

(d) The Government are not aware what grievance is referred to. The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1326 at the meeting of this Council on 9th February 1926.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—“Sir, the answer is given that ‘the Government are not aware what grievance is referred to.’ The point I want to make is that the shroffs ought to be as well off as the clerks in regard to pay, if not better, because they are discharging very onerous duties. That is the grievance. So I ask whether Government are going to satisfy the demand of these people.”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS:—“That question was answered on a previous occasion.”

Failure of crops in Ceded districts.

* 117 Q.—Mr. K. KOTI REDDI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government is aware of the almost total failure of crops in most parts of the Ceded districts consequent on the failure of the later rains; and

(b) what measures are proposed to be taken to relieve the people from the famine conditions prevailing?

A.—(a) The later or hingari crops have failed in many villages of the Rayadrug, Bellary, Alur and Adoni taluks of Bellary district, the Gooty and Tadpatri taluks of Anantapur district and some villages of the Pattikonda taluk of Kurnool district.

There has also been a considerable failure of crops in Markapur taluk of the Kurnool district and in parts of the Cuddapah district.